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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN PROPOSAL THAT ASEAN RECOGNIZE MPLA

1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT MILLER MARCH 12, ROMULO TOLD US THAT INDONESIAN CHARGE HAD CALLED ON HIM MARCH 11 TO SUGGEST JOINT ASEAN MOVE TO RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. CHARGE TOOK POSITION THAT SUCH JOINT ACTION WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN INDIVIDUAL BILATERAL ACTIONS BY MEMBER STATES.

2. ROMULO SAID HE HAD TATTED CHARGE ON RATIONALE PRESENTED FOR JOINT ASEAN ACTION. HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN JAKARTA WAS ANXIOUS TO
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CAST ITS RECOGNITION OF MPLA IN TERMS OF COLLECTIVE

ACTION RATHER THAN BILATERAL MOVE SO THAT ITS RECOGNITION
WOULD BE MUFFLED AND CONTRAST WITH ACTIONS IN TIMOR WOULD
BE OBSCURED.

3. HE SAID THERE WAS NO RPT NO URGENCY HE COULD PERCEIVE
FROM PHILIPPINE STANDPOINT FOR EARLY RECOGNITION.
HE THOUGHT MATTER SHOULD BE DELIBERATED CAREFULLY BY EACH
ASEAN STATE IN LIGHT OF ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS AND
THEN CONSULTATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON BEST MANNER IN
WHICH TO PROCEED. WHILE HE DID NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT JOINT

ASEAN ACTION, HE CLEARLY WANTED TO AVOID HASTY EFFORT TO
CLIMB ON RECOGNITION BANDWAGON.

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